

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: 2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

1. BILL: SB995 SD1 HD1 CD1

- **Amendment Description:** Amends article VI, section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to repeal the mandatory retirement age of seventy for all state court justices and judges.
- **Question That Will Be Printed On The Ballot:** "Shall the mandatory retirement age of seventy for all state court justices and judges be repealed?"
- **What Your Vote Will Mean:**
 - ✓ **A Yes Vote Means:** Judges will not have to retire when they reach the age of 70, resulting judges being appointed to a life time term.
 - ✓ **A No Vote Means:** Judges will still have to retire when they reach the age of 70.

2. BILL: SB2246 SD1 HD2 CD1

- **Amendment Description:** Amends article I of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to provide that the Legislature may define what behavior constitutes a continuing course of conduct in a sexual assault crime against minors younger than fourteen years of age, and provides that the Legislature may define what constitutes the unanimity that is required for a conviction in sexual assault crimes.
- **Question That Will Be Printed On The Ballot:** "Shall the Constitution of the State of Hawaii be amended to provide that in continuous sexual assault crimes against

minors younger than fourteen years of age, the legislature may define:

- (1) What behavior constitutes a continuing course of conduct; and
- (2) What constitutes the jury unanimity that is required for a conviction?"
- **What Your Vote Will Mean:**
 - ✓ **A Yes Vote Means:** It would make it easier to prosecute those who repeatedly sexually assault a child by giving the legislature the authority to enact a law that would allow juries to convict a defendant if it was determined that the defendant had sexually assaulted the child on multiple occasions.
 - ✓ **A No Vote Means:** The present law will remain, meaning, that in order to convict an individual for sexually assaulting a minor, the victim must be able to recall exact circumstances, dates, and times of each assault

3. BILL: SB2479 HD1 CD1

- **Amendment Description:** Amends article VII, section 12, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to authorize the State to issue special purpose revenue bonds and use the proceeds from the bonds to assist agricultural enterprises serving important agricultural lands.
- **Question That Will Be Printed On The Ballot:** "Shall the State be authorized to issue special purpose revenue bonds and use the proceeds from the bonds to assist agricultural enterprises serving important agricultural lands?"
- **What Your Vote Will Mean:**
 - ✓ **A Yes Vote Means:** The government will be able to issue

Special Purpose Revenue Bonds and use the proceeds from the bonds to assist agricultural businesses in the construction and renovation of plantation infrastructure on important agricultural land.

- ✓ **A No Vote Means:** Special Purpose Revenue Bonds will not be available for agriculture businesses to use.

4. BILL: HB1917 HD2 SD2 CD1

- **Amendment Description:** Amends Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to establish a salary commission responsible for reviewing and recommending changes to salaries for justices and judges, members of the state legislature, the governor and lieutenant governor, the administrative director of the State, department heads or executive officers of the executive departments, and the deputies or assistants to department head of the executive departments, excluding the UH and the DOE.
- **Question That Will Be Printed On The Ballot:** "Shall the Constitution be amended to provide for a salary commission to review and recommend salaries for justices, judges, state legislators, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the administrative director of the State, state department heads or executive officers of the executive departments, and the deputies or assistants to department heads of the executive departments, excluding the superintendent of education and the president of the University of Hawaii?"
- **What Your Vote Will Mean:**

- ✓ **A Yes Vote Means:** There will be a single commission to determine the salaries of the top executives of each branch of government
- ✓ **A No Vote Means:** The present determination of salaries by multiple commissions for the top executives of each branch of government remains.

5. BILL: SB1256 HD1

- **Amendment Description:** Amends article X, section 6, of the Hawaii Constitution to modify the appointment process for the UH Board of Regents by requiring the Governor to nominate candidates for the UH Board of Request from a list of individuals submitted by the Candidate Advisory Council for the Board of Regents of UH.
- **Question That Will Be Printed On The Ballot:** "Shall the governor be required to select board of regents candidates from a pool of qualified candidates screened and proposed by a candidate advisory council for the board of regents of the University of Hawaii as provided by law?"
- **What Your Vote Will Mean:**
 - ✓ **A Yes Vote Means:** The Governor must nominate candidates to the UH Board of Regents from a list from a list of individuals submitted by the Candidate Advisory Council for the Board of Regents of UH
 - ✓ **A No Vote Means:** The Governor will retain the ability to nominate whomever she feel is best qualified to serve on the UH Board of Regents.

(Constitutional Amendments cont'd.)

PLEASE NOTE: Because an amendment must be approved by a majority of the total votes cast, a non-vote on a constitutional amendment is the equivalent of a no vote.

At the Kapiolani Boulevard Water Sewer Improvement Project Blessing



Rep Stevens with Mayor Hannemann and Frank Coluccio of Frank Coluccio Construction Company



Rep Stevens with the Mayor and Kahu Curtis Kekuna following project blessing

In response to many resident concerns to reinstate the E bus route in Waikiki, Rep. Stevens has contacted the City requesting this service be reinstated.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE



Representative Anne V. Stevens

Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with Mayor Hannemann on the Kapiolani Boulevard Water Sewer Improvement Project. I received his assurance that all utilities will be coordinated which will cause the least amount of disruption.

The Kapiolani Boulevard Water and Sewer System Improvements Project by the Board of Water Supply and the City & County of Honolulu began construction on Sept. 5, 2005. The project involves work along Kapiolani Boulevard from Ward Avenue to Kalakaua Avenue; Kamakee Street; Atkinson Drive; and Kalakaua Avenue from Kapiolani Boulevard to the Ala Wai Canal Bridge.

For project overview, traffic advisories, and updates, please visit the project website at www.kapiolanewatersewer.org.

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